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1. Between mid-February and late February 1954, the Wuhlheide Cantonment (4161) was estimated to quarter more than 2,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank and artillery insignia. The installation appeared to be more heavily occupied and more heavy weapons were observed, than previously. Between mid-February and late February, about 40 tanks, 6 to 8 armored scout cars and 3 probable SU-100 guns were seen at the meadow in the woods, as against 20 tanks previously seen there. On 27 February, about 280 troops, preceded by a band marched from the restricted area to the cantonment. Troops observed in the Wuhlheide received instruction on individual tanks and SP guns and 76/2-mm field guns.

2. Between 15 and 28 February, about 30 troops of a signal unit repeatedly left the Karlshorst restricted area (4162) for Wuhlheide, where they practiced construction of telephone lines. Numerous officers with black service color were recently seen in the restricted area. On 25 and 26 February, 2 SU-100 guns, 2 BA-64 armored scout cars and 2 amphibious vehicles were seen in the restricted area.

3. Between 6 and 15 February, the Wuhlheide cantonment appeared to be occupied as previously by about 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. On 12 February, 10 covered tanks and 1 BA-64 armored scout car were seen in the southwest corner of the installation. Little activity was observed in the installation during the period under review. Motor vehicles observed en route to and from the installation. On 8 February, trucks were seen on An der Wuhlheide, coming from the direction of Republik der Jungen Pioniere and proceeding toward Treskow Allee. The trucks were driven by civilians, escorted by one Soviet soldier each.

4. On 28 February, Wuhlheide cantonment was occupied by an estimated 600 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia.

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On 8 February, tank [ ] was seen in the tank training area near the above mentioned restricted area. On 25 February, 10 canvas-covered tanks were seen in the Heilanstalt. Troops received instruction on 120-mm mortars in the area adjoining the installation. Motor vehicles [ ] were seen near the installation.

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Comment. The Wuhlheide cantonment has so far been carried occupied by a mechanized regiment of the 74th Gds Mecz Div. [ ] the troops in the installation were being relieved or reinforced. [ ] 20 tanks which, according to paragraph 5, was observed on 16 February. [ ] tends to indicate that the troops were relieved which, however, cannot be confirmed by observations of movements at the division posts. According to JS tanks and 76.2-mm field guns observed, elements of the 84th Gds HV Tank SP Regt and a mechanized regiment of the division may be stationed in the cantonment. [ ]

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Comment. [ ] referred to the restricted area north of the Wuhlheide cantonment, which is occupied by the Soviet High Commission. [ ]

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Comment. According to previous information, the 65th Gds Tank Regt (US) of the 6th Gds Mecz Div had been carried in the restricted area in the west section of Wuhlgarten Heilanstalt prior to early March. [ ] However, the equipment of the regiment does not include any 120-mm mortars.

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